



Site Register

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This periodic publication alerts the public to the availability of reports, public comment periods, and other activities related to the study and cleanup of hazardous waste sites under Chapter 70.105D RCW, the MODEL TOXICS CONTROL ACT, and in accordance with WAC 173-340-600. Direct questions regarding SITE REGISTER circulation to Sherrie Minnick at (360) 407-7200 or shan461@ecy.wa.gov. Ecology's telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) numbers are: Headquarters (360) 407-6006, Southwest Regional Office (360) 407-6306, Northwest Regional Office (425) 649-4259, Central Regional Office (509) 454-7673, Eastern Regional Office (509) 458-2055.

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Area-wide Lead and Arsenic Soil Contamination Project Task Force Meeting 5

July 25, 2002 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Ramada Inn Tacoma
2611 East E Street
Tacoma, Washington
(253) 572-7272**

The public is invited to attend the Task Force meeting. Opportunities for public comment are scheduled during the meeting.

Planned agenda items include the following:

- Present Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) overview with a focus on how the MTCA process currently works in Washington State as relevant to area-wide contamination considerations.
- Discuss the direction of the project.
- Conduct follow-up discussions on revised preliminary estimates for nature and extent of lead and arsenic contamination; list of protective measures being analyzed; and institutional frameworks.
- Plan for upcoming Task Force meetings.

General Background Information

The Washington State Legislature appropriated \$1.2 million to prepare a statewide strategy to address area-wide soil contamination. The main focus for the project will be on areas with low to moderate levels of lead and arsenic that have been developed into residential neighborhoods, schools, daycares, and parks. The agencies are examining these issues and concerns and will develop a more effective strategy for responding to widespread arsenic and lead soil contamination.

A central feature of the project is the Area-Wide Soil Contamination Task Force. The role of the task force is to provide a recommendation to the four chartering agencies (Ecology, Agriculture, Health, and Office of Community Development) on actions that can be taken to improve the ways in which area-wide soil contamination problems are addressed in Washington State. The task force is expected to complete its work by June 2003. The task force is comprised of 18 members, including representatives of the following stakeholder interest groups: local government, elected officials, agriculture, environment, business/development, financial, and education/schools.

For more information, please contact Dawn Hooper, Department of Ecology, (360) 407-7182, e-mail dhoo461@ecy.wa.gov or visit the project webpage at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/area_wide/area_wide_hp.html.

Draft Consent Decree Available for Public Review & Comment - *Hamilton Street Bridge Site, Facility Site ID No. 84461527, 111 North Erie Street, Spokane, 99202, Spokane County*

Ecology and potentially liable persons, Avista Corporation and Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, are ***proposing a Consent Decree*** to implement the Cleanup Action Plan at the Hamilton Street Bridge Site. The Hamilton Street Bridge Site is comprised of two adjacent properties: the Spokane Manufactured Gas Plant property and the American Tar Company property.

A Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study was conducted in 1998. It confirmed that contaminants associated with manufactured gas plant processes and/or coal tar processing is present in site soil as deep as 80 feet. Contamination in ground water is biodegrading. The investigation also determined that the Spokane River is not being adversely impacted by the contamination.

The cleanup to be conducted once the Consent Decree is finalized, as outlined in the Cleanup Action Plan, includes the following actions:

- Cover and bring to grade with clean soil or gravel contaminated soils in the American Tar Company area;
- Use existing fill material to cover contaminated soils in the Spokane Manufactured Gas Plant area;
- Manage stormwater, including abandoning on-site existing dry wells;
- Construct bioengineering methods along the Spokane River shoreline to stabilize streambank;
- Monitor ground water;
- Implement institutional controls;
- Review the cleanup in five years to ensure the cleanup is effective.

The draft Consent Decree is available for review at the following locations:

- Department of Ecology, Eastern Regional Office, 4601 N. Monroe, Spokane WA 99205-1295
- Spokane Public Library, 906 W. Main Ave., Spokane

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact Teresita Bala, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at (509) 456-6337, e-mail tbal461@ecy.wa.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 6/26/06 - 7/25/02

Proposed Delisting from Hazardous Sites List Available for Public Review & Comment - *Adams County Maint. Shop Othello, Facility Site ID No. 562, State Road 26, Othello, 99344, Adams County*

Ecology is ***proposing to remove the Adams County Maintenance Shop Othello*** site from its Hazardous Sites List. The site is currently ranked “3” on the list. A rank of “1” is the highest level of concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of “5” is the lowest.

Final independent cleanup reports and supporting documents regarding delisting the site are available for review at the Department of Ecology, 4601 N. Monroe, Spokane 99205-1295.

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact Patti Carter, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at (509) 456-6167 or e-mail paca461@ecy.wa.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 6/6/02 - 7/19/02

Discussions for Agreed Order to Conduct Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study - *Camp Bonneville Military Reservation, located approximately 12 miles northeast of the city of Vancouver, Clark County*

Ecology has *commenced discussions* with Camp Bonneville to develop an Agreed Order to conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study at the Camp Bonneville site. The discussions began on July 8, 2002, and are planned to conclude in 60 days.

The Camp Bonneville site lies along both banks of Lacamus Creek, including the headwaters of the creek, and occupies a total of 3,840 acres. Eight-hundred and twenty of those acres are owned by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources but are leased to Camp Bonneville.

The purpose of the Remedial Investigation is to gather adequate information to determine the nature and extent of hazardous substance releases from historical military and maintenance operations at the site. The substances include diesel fuel, fuel oil, pesticides, and xylenes to the soil; and numerous highly toxic explosive and volatile organic compounds to soil and ground water.

Ordinance and explosive wastes have been found in several areas of the site. The Feasibility Study will evaluate alternatives for cleaning up the contamination.

For more information, please contact Barry Rogowski, Federal Facility Unit Supervisor, at (360) 407-7236 or e-mail brog461@ecy.wa.gov.

Proposed Delisting from Hazardous Sites List Available for Public Review & Comment - *Hill's Quick Tune, Facility Site ID No. 391, 1102 Canyon Road, Ellensburg, 98926, Kittitas County*

Ecology is *proposing to remove* the Hill's Quick Tune site from its Hazardous Sites List. The site is currently ranked a "5" on the list. A rank of "1" is the highest level of concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of "5" is the lowest.

From 1974 through 1984, the site was used to house an automobile repair shop. In 1992, a building was constructed, and petroleum-contaminated soil was discovered while excavation took place to install additional lube bays. Between 1992 and 2001, subsurface assessment and remedial excavation activities occurred—approximately 200 cubic yards of contaminated soil was removed. Petroleum-contaminated soil still remains under the southeast corner of the building. This area, however, is not accessible for remedial excavation.

Based upon a review of the cleanup efforts mentioned above, Ecology has determined the site no longer poses a threat to human health and the environment and is proposing to remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Pertinent documents may be reviewed at the following locations:

- Ellensburg Public Library, 209 N. Ruby, Ellensburg
- Department of Ecology, Central Regional Office, 15 W. Yakima Ave., Suite 200, Yakima WA 98902

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact Norm Hepner, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at (509) 457-7127, e-mail nhep461@ecy.wa.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 7/5/02 - 8/3/02

Proposed Delisting from Hazardous Sites List Available for Public Review & Comment - *Sagetree Electric Inc., Facility Site ID No. 328, 4208 N. Clearwater Ave., Kennewick, 99336, Benton County*

Ecology is ***proposing to remove*** the Sagetree Electric Inc. site from its Hazardous Sites List. The site is currently ranked a “3” on the list. A rank of “1” is the highest level of concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of “5” is the lowest.

A former tenant stored oil drums on the property. In addition a 55-gallon drum used for disposing solvents and used oil was cut in half and buried on the property. The tenant did remove the drums, the buried drum, and excavated two pick-up trucks full of soil that surrounded the buried drum. Additionally, a limited site assessment was conducted. At that time, however, Ecology determined further investigation was required.

In June 2000, a more extensive site assessment was conducted. Soil samples taken confirmed that the impacted soil had been successfully removed and cleanup levels achieved.

Pertinent documents may be reviewed at the following locations:

- Mid-Columbia Public Library, 405 S. Dayton, Kennewick
- Department of Ecology, Central Regional Office, 15 W. Yakima Ave., Suite 200, Yakima WA 98902

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact Norm Hepner, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at (509) 456-7127, e-mail nhep461@ecy.wa.gov

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 7/4/02 - 8/3/02

Proposed Delisting from Hazardous Sites List Available for Public Review & Comment - *Colf Landscaping, Facility Site ID No. 1058, located at 2112 NE Minnehaha, Vancouver, 98665, Clark County*

Ecology is ***proposing to remove*** the Colf Landscaping site from its Hazardous Sites List. The site is currently ranked a “4” on the list. A rank of “1” is the highest level of concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of “5” is the lowest.

Between March 1996 and January 2002, investigation and cleanup activities were conducted that included removing two 500-gallon underground storage tanks that were used for storing gasoline and waste oil and removing over 6.5 tons of resulting contaminated soil. Over 9.5 tons of diesel-contaminated soil was also removed from an area adjacent to an above ground storage tank. In February 2001, a monitoring well was installed near a wash pad drainage area. No lead was detected during two rounds of quarterly ground water sampling.

Based on ground water and soil sample results, Ecology has determined the site does not pose a threat to human health and the environment and is proposing to remove the site from its Hazardous Sites List.

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact Chuck Cline, Site Manager, at the Department of Ecology, Southwest Regional Office, PO Box 47775, Olympia WA 98504-7775, or (360) 407-6267, e-mail chcl461@ecy.wa.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 6/19/02 - 7/23/02

Proposed Delisting from Hazardous Sites List Available for Public Review & Comment - *WA Washington State University (WSU) Smith Tract, Facility Site ID No. 373, Highway 2, East Wenatchee, 98801, Douglas County*

Ecology is *proposing to remove* the WA WSU Smith Tract site from its Hazardous Sites List. The site is currently ranked a “1” on the list. A rank of “1” is the highest level of concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of “5” is the lowest.

In 1991, WSU representatives discovered that pesticides and/or herbicides may have been disposed in a concrete cistern at the apple orchard during the 1970s. An initial assessment determined the waste in the cistern was soil, wood, asbestos-containing building materials, paper, glass, and metal containers of pesticides. The primary chemicals of concern were DDT, DDE, DDD, Dieldrin, and Endosulfan I and II.

After the assessment, WSU had the contents of the cistern removed and disposed. The cistern was then demolished and disposed. Although there was no evidence of leakage, two feet of soil were excavated from beneath the cistern, sampled, and disposed. The soil samples were analyzed and found to be below health-based standards.

Based on a review of cleanup and sampling reports, Ecology had determined the site is no longer a threat to human health or the environment and has recommended removing the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Documents may be reviewed at the following locations:

- Wenatchee Public Library, 310 Douglas, Wenatchee
- Department of Ecology, Central Regional Office, 15 W. Yakima, Suite 200, Yakima WA

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact Tom Mackie, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at (509) 454-7834, e-mail tmac461@ecy.wa.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 7/1/02 - 7/31/02

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) Available for Public Review & Comment - *Norwegian Salmon Industries, Facility Site ID No. 9747, 140th St. NW, Along Colvos Passage, Gig Harbor, 98329, Pierce County*

Ecology has determined the cleanup of contaminated sediment and soil, as proposed in the May 2002 Cleanup Action Plan, will not have an adverse impact on the environment. As a result, the agency *has issued a SEPA DNS*. The SEPA Checklist and DNS are available for review at the following locations:

- Department of Ecology, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey
- Peninsula Library, 4424 Point Fosdick Dr. NW, Gig Harbor, (253) 851-3793
- Tacoma Public Library-Main Branch, NW Room, 1102 Tacoma Ave. S., Tacoma

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact Guy Barrett, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at (360) 407-7115, e-mail gbar461@ecy.wa.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 6/27/02 - 7/12/02

Draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, Draft Cleanup Action Plan, and Draft Agreed Order Available for Public Review & Comment - *Black Lake Grocery, Facility Site ID No. 1420, 4409 Black Lake Blvd. SW, Olympia, 98512, Thurston County*

Ecology and site owner Man Kyu Pak are *proposing an Agreed Order* to implement the draft Cleanup Action Plan at the Black Lake Grocery site. The draft Cleanup Action Plan is based on information provided in the draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Report. All three documents are available for review and comment through July 31, 2002.

The site's ground water and soil are contaminated with petroleum product from leaks and/or spills from underground storage tanks. The site is ranked a "2" on Ecology's Hazardous Sites List. A rank of "1" is the highest level of concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of "5" is the lowest.

The Cleanup Action Plan proposes the following cleanup actions at the site:

- Excavate a trench along Black Lake to intercept the ground water plume;
- Construct a treatment wall to treat petroleum contamination in ground water before it reaches Black Lake;
- Clean up ground water upgradient of the treatment wall using natural attenuation (allowing naturally-occurring processes to reduce contamination);
- Install four ground water monitoring wells upgradient and downgradient of the treatment wall;
- Monitor ground water quarterly for 25 years.

In 1995, Mr. Pak conducted an interim action that included removing five underground storage tanks, a septic tank, and 1,200 cubic yards of contaminated soil.

The draft Agreed Order, draft Cleanup Action Plan, and draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Report are available for review at the following locations:

- Tumwater Timberland Library, 7023 New Market St. SW, Tumwater
- Department of Ecology, 300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact Panjini Balaraju, Site Manager, at the Department of Ecology, SW Regional Office, PO Box 47775, Olympia WA 98504-7775, or (360) 407-6243, e-mail pbal461@ecy.wa.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 7/1/02 - 7/31/02

Site to be Removed from August 2002 Hazardous Sites List - *Geiger SIA Fuel Farm, Facility Site ID No. 692, located at Aviation Ave. & Post Office Road, Spokane, 99219, Spokane County*

No comments were received during the June 6 through July 5, 2002, public comment period held for delisting the ranked "3" site from the state's Hazardous Sites List. As a result, the site will be removed from the August 2002 Hazardous Sites List.

For more information, please contact Patti Carter, Site Manager, at (509) 456-6167 or e-mail paca461@ecy.wa.gov.

SITE HAZARD ASSESSMENTS TO BE CONDUCTED

Site Hazard Assessments will be conducted on the below-named sites. Their hazard ranking or determination of No Further Action will be published in the August 27, 2002, Hazardous Sites List.

Benton County - Contact Michael Spencer, Department of Ecology, (360) 407-7195

Alexander Farms, Facility Site ID No. 23975611, 179101 W. King Tull Road, Prosser, 99350

Thurston County - Contact Gerald Tousley, Thurston County Health Department, (360) 754-4111 ext. 6509

Alder St SE 1308 Drug Lab, Facility Site ID No. 46165429, 1308 Alder St., Lacey, 98503

Evergreen Shores Grocery, Facility Site ID No. 58655568, 7421 Mazama St. SW, Olympia, 98512

Walla Walla County - Contact Michael Spencer, Department of Ecology, (360) 407-7195

PacifiCorp Dell, Facility Site ID No. 4853, West Dell Ave., Walla Walla, 99362

Swant Property, Facility Site ID No. 21219828, SW Corner Rose St. & Myra Road, Walla Walla, 99362

Walla Walla City Proposed Dispatch Center, Facility Site ID No. 98394685, Rose & 6th, Walla Walla, 99362

ECOLOGY CONSULTATIONS (conducted under the Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Consultants or property owners/operators complete a report summary and request for assistance form and submit with a \$500 deposit to Ecology. Department of Ecology staff then provides consultations or opinions about whether further action is needed at the site. The following consultations have been completed.

Okanogan County - Unocal 0855, Facility Site ID No. 432, 129 N. Main St., Omak

Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program has reviewed an independent cleanup report relating to this site. Based on this information, Ecology has concluded the release to soil addressed in this report does not represent a threat to human health and the environment and has issued a **No Further Action** letter for soil (with a Restrictive Covenant). For more information, please contact Frosti Smith at (509) 454-7841 or e-mail fsmi461@ecy.wa.gov.

Thurston County - Pearson Air Inc., Facility Site ID No. 53794257, 7529 Old Hwy 99 SE, Olympia, 98501

Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program has reviewed an independent cleanup report relating to this site. Based on this information, Ecology has concluded the release addressed in this report does not represent a threat to human health and the environment and has issued a **No Further Action** letter. For more information, please contact Chuck Cline at (360) 407-6267 or e-mail chcl461@ecy.wa.gov.